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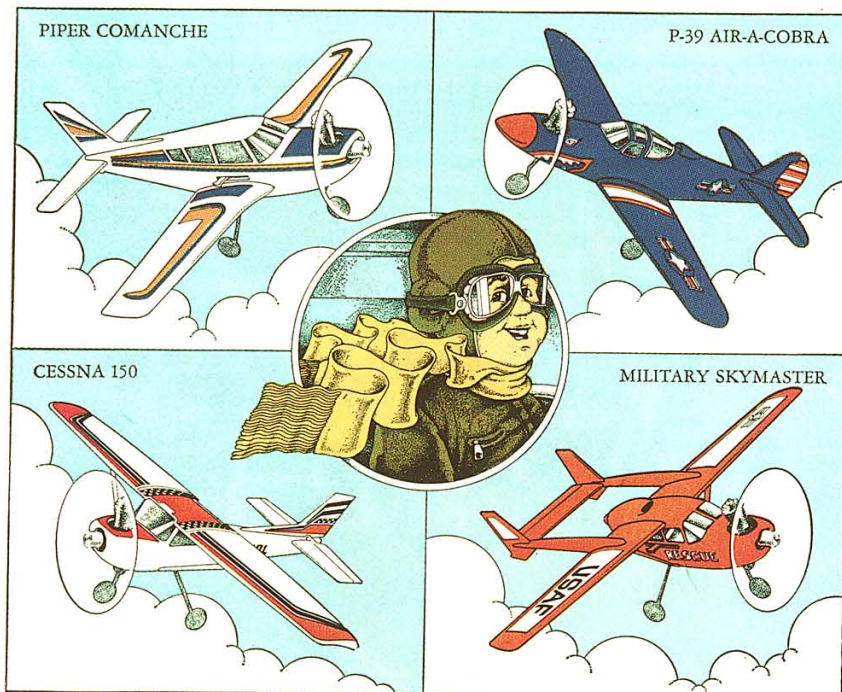
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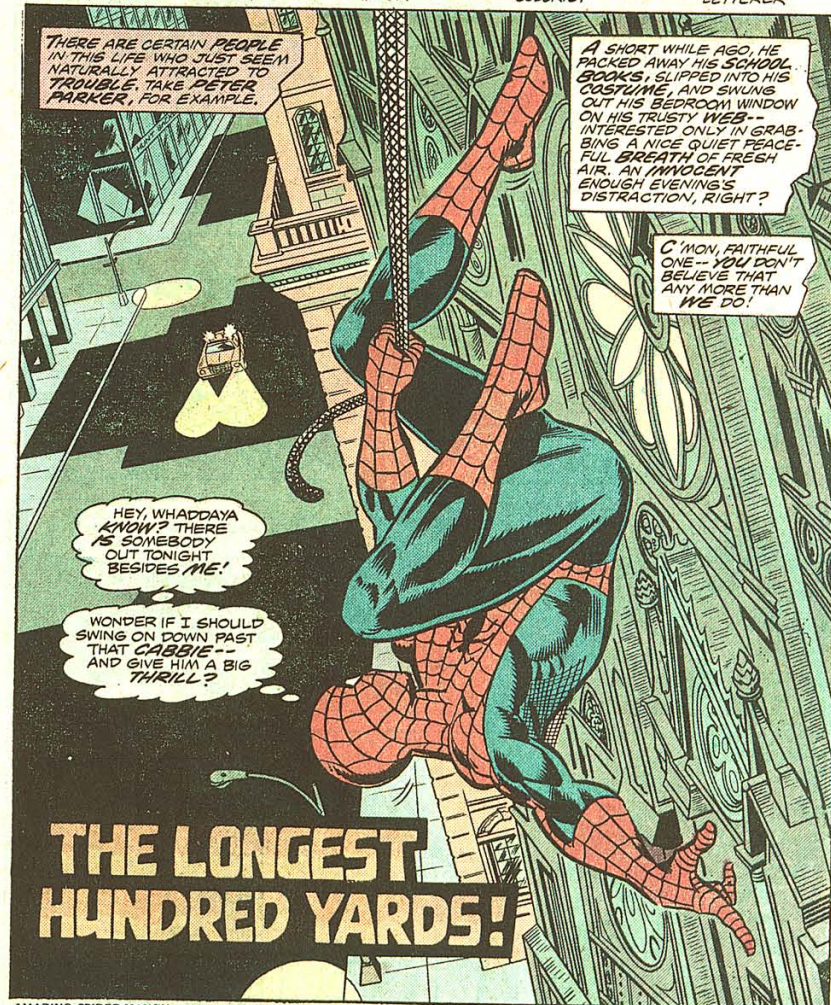
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NO, MAYBE I'D BETTER NOT. WITH THAT RASH OF TAXI ROBBERS LATELY, THE CABBIER'S LIABLE TO CLOBBER ME IF I...HEY!!

MY SPIDER-SENSE...IT'S SUDDENLY STARTED TINGLING!



"AND THERE'S THE REASON!"

"THE CAB'S ROOF-LIGHT... BLINKING ON AND OFF..."

"...THREE SHORT... THREE LONG... THREE SHORT..."



IF I REMEMBER MY BOY SCOUT TRAINING IN MORSE CODE-- THAT SPELLS SOS--

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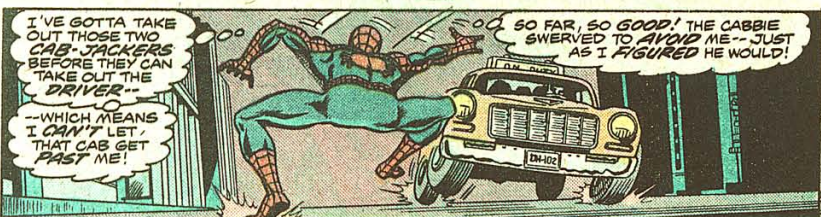
THAT CABBIER'S IN TROUBLE--



--AND IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S UP TO EVERYBODY'S FAVORITE WALL-CRAWLER TO GET HIM OUT OF IT!

OH BOY--HE'S IN HOT WATER ALRIGHT! I CAN SEE TWO GUYS IN THE CAB'S BACK SEAT--

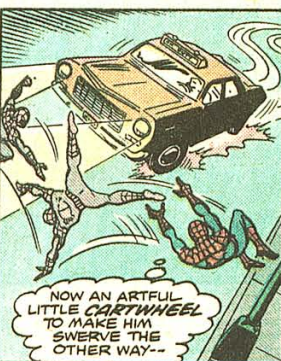
--AND ONE OF 'EM HAS A GUN TO THE DRIVER'S HEAD!



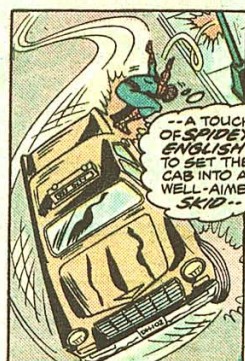
I'VE GOTTA TAKE OUT THOSE TWO CAB-JACKERS BEFORE THEY CAN TAKE OUT THE DRIVER--

--WHICH MEANS I CAN'T LET THAT CAB GET PAST ME!

SO FAR, SO GOOD! THE CABBIER SWERVED TO AVOID ME--JUST AS I FIGURED HE WOULD!



NOW AN ARTFUL LITTLE CARTWHEEL TO MAKE HIM SWERVE THE OTHER WAY--

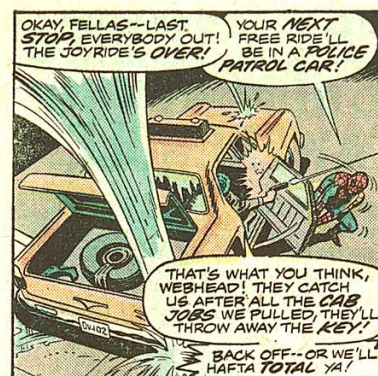


--A TOUCH OF SPIDEY-ENGLISH TO SET THE CAB INTO A WELL-AIMED SKID--



--AND BINGO! THE LITTLE YELLOW TAXI DROPS RIGHT INTO THE SIDE POCKET!

MINNESOTA FATS--EAT YOUR HEART OUT!

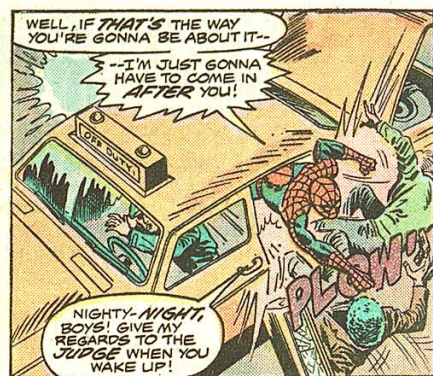


OKAY, FELLAS--LAST STOP, EVERYBODY OUT! THE JOYRIDE'S OVER!

YOUR NEXT FREE RIDE'LL BE IN A POLICE PATROL CAR!

THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, WEBHEAD! THEY CATCH US AFTER ALL THE CAB JOBS WE PULLED, THEY'LL THROW AWAY THE KEY!

BACK OFF--OR WE'LL HAFTA TOTAL YA!



WELL, IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU'RE GONNA BE ABOUT IT--

--I'M JUST GONNA HAVE TO COME IN AFTER YOU!

NIGHTY-NIGHT, BOYS! GIVE MY REGARDS TO THE JUDGE WHEN YOU WAKE UP!



HEY SPIDAH-MAN--WAIT! WHAT ABOUT MY CAB?

YA TORE THE DOORS OFF AN' EVERYTHIN'!

BUT I SAVED YOUR LIFE DIDN'T I? WHAT MORE DO YOU WANT?

AH, NEVER MIND!



YOU WANT YOUR DOORS BACK ON--

--I'LL PUT 'EM ON!

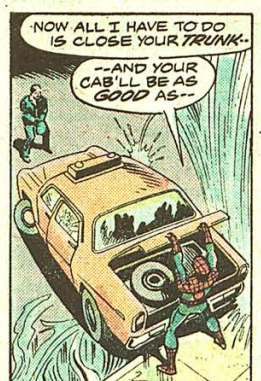


JUST HAVE TO APPLY A LITTLE SPIDER-STRENGTH HERE AND THERE--

--AND SHE'LL LOOK LIKE SHE JUST LEFT THE SHOWROOM!



THERE YOU GO! HOW'S THAT FOR A REPAIR JOB?



NOW ALL I HAVE TO DO IS CLOSE YOUR TRUNK--

--AND YOUR CAB'LL BE AS GOOD AS--



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OOPS...



HEY, WHERE YA GONNA? WHO'S GONNA FIX MY BLASTED CAB?

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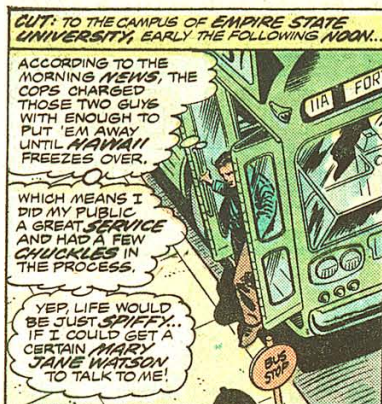


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WELL, TIGER--NOW THAT WE'RE ON **SPEAKING TERMS** AGAIN, WHAT DO YOU WANNA TALK ABOUT?

SEE, I DON'T KNOW. I'D THINK THE RAIN'LL GET THE RHUBARB WET?

MR. PARKER, YOU HAVE A POSITIVE GIFT FOR GAB.



HOWDY, PETE... MARY JANE WOULD **THREE** BE A CROWD?

HEY, NEP. WHAT BRINGS THE BLUSHING GROOM-TO-BE WAY OUT HERE SO NEAR THE WEDDING?

UNFORTUNATELY, MJ--THE GROOM-TO-BE IS STILL A REPORTER.

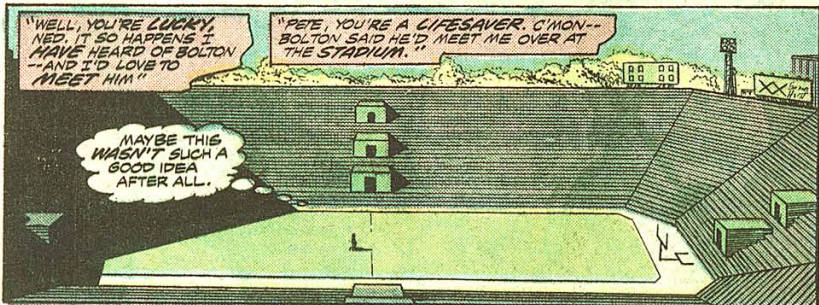


EVER HEAR OF **BRADLEY BOLTON**? HE WAS A **B.M.O.C.** SOME YEARS BACK--A FOOTBALL STAR OR SOMETHING.

WELL, NOW HE'S A BIGSHOT COMPUTER WIZARD, VISITING **E.S.U.** FOR A HOME-COMING--AND J. JONAH JAMESON'S SENT ME TO INTERVIEW HIM.

PROBLEM IS, I KNOW ZILCH ABOUT COMPUTERS. SO...

SO YOU THOUGHT YOU'D BRING ALONG THAT JUNIOR GENIUS ME TO HELP BREAK THE ICE, HUH?



"WELL, YOU'RE LUCKY, NEP. IT SO HAPPENS I HAVE HEARD OF BOLTON--AND I'D LOVE TO MEET HIM"

"PETE, YOU'RE A LIFESAVER. C'MON--BOLTON SAID HE'D MEET ME OVER AT THE STADIUM."

MAYBE THIS WASN'T SUCH A GOOD IDEA AFTER ALL...



I'D FORGOTTEN HOW LONELY THIS PLACE COULD BE WHEN IT'S EMPTY--AS LONELY AS A GRAVEYARD.

AND THAT'S WHAT IT IS, ALRIGHT--A GRAVEYARD OF LOST MEMORIES.

DR. BOLTON? HOPE WE HAVEN'T KEPT YOU WAITING LONG.

WHO--?



I'M NED LEERS OF THE DAILY BUGLE, SIR. THIS IS MY FRIEND PETER PARKER. HE'S--ER--A FAN OF YOURS.

A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, SIR. I REALLY ENJOYED YOUR TREATISE ON INTERMOLECULAR COMPUTER SYNAPSES.

SO YOU'RE THE ONE WHO READ THAT THING.

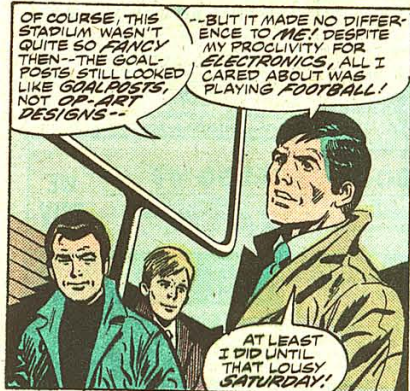
MR. PARKER, I'D LIKE TO SHAKE YOUR HAND.



AND WITH THAT, THE INTERVIEW IS OFF TO A ROLLICKING START...

YOU KNOW, IT SEEMS IRONIC--US STANDING HERE DISCUSSING MY SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS.

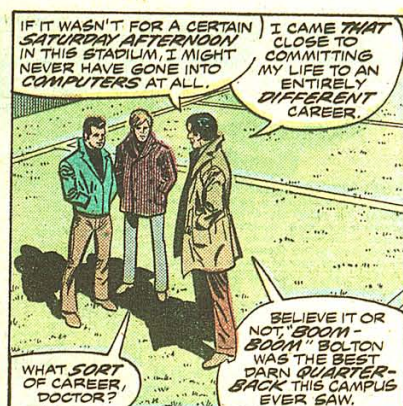
US STANDING HERE OF ALL PLACES!



OF COURSE, THIS STADIUM WASN'T QUITE SO FANCY THEN--THE GOAL-POSTS STILL LOOKED LIKE GOAL-POSTS, NOT OP-ART DESIGNS--

--BUT IT MADE NO DIFFERENCE TO ME! DESPITE MY PROCLIVITY FOR ELECTRONICS, ALL I CARED ABOUT WAS PLAYING FOOTBALL!

AT LEAST I DID UNTIL THAT LOUSY SATURDAY!

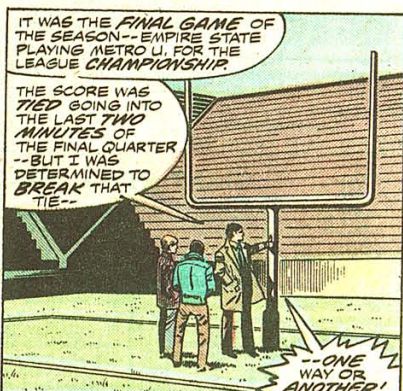


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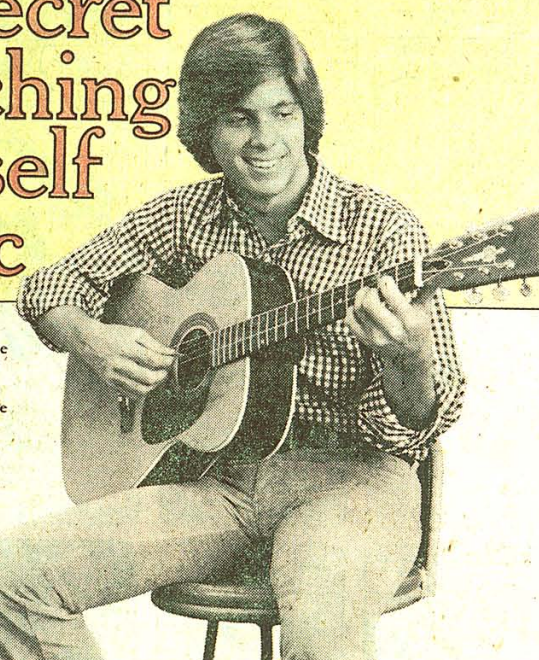
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"I COULD GO THAT DISTANCE IN MY SLEEP."



"SO I SPURTED FORWARD, CLEATS TEARING INTO THE TURF, GIVING IT EVERYTHING I HAD--"

"--LIKE MY LIFE DEPENDED ON IT!"

"ONLY NINETY YARDS TO GO!"



"THE OPPOSITION RAINED AROUND ME LIKE MACHINE-GUN FIRE."

"I LUNGED ASIDE, THEN CHARGED AHEAD!"

"ONLY SEVENTY-FIVE YARDS TO GO!"



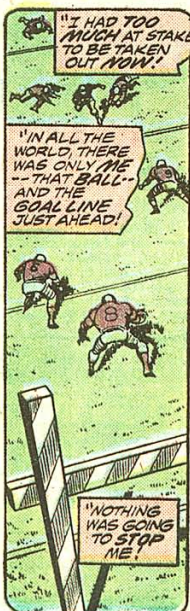
"I RAN, LEGS PUMPING, HEART POUNDING, LUNGS PULLING BREATH AFTER RAGGED BREATH!"

"I SAW NOTHING BUT THOSE GOAL POSTS RISING LIKE OUTSTRETCHED ARMS BEFORE ME. I NEVER TOOK MY EYES OFF THAT GOAL!"



"ON THE FIFTY-YARD LINE, THEY HIT ME-- HARD! MY INSIDES FELT LIKE THEY WERE AFIRE--"

"--BUT STILL, I KEPT ON GOING!"



"I HAD TOO MUCH AT STAKE TO BE TAKEN OUT NOW!"

"IN ALL THE WORLD, THERE WAS ONLY ME-- THAT BALL-- AND THE GOAL LINE JUST AHEAD!"



"I CRADLED THAT PIGSKIN LIKE A BABY, LIKE IT WAS FLESH OF MY FLESH. IT WAS THAT IMPORTANT TO ME."

"AND EVEN WHEN THEIR LAST DEFENDERS TACKLED ME EVEN WHEN THEY FINALLY BROUGHT ME DOWN, I WOULDN'T LET GO OF THAT BALL."

"I COULDN'T LET GO OF IT."

"THEY FINALLY HAD TO PRY IT FROM MY FINGERS!"



"THIS CLOSE, FELLAS."

"I CAME THIS CLOSE!"

"ONE MISERABLE FOOT FROM THE GOAL LINE."



"WE FUMBLERED ON THE NEXT PLAY AND METRO TOOK POSSESSION-- CARRIED THE BALL ALL THE WAY BACK FOR A TOUCHDOWN."

"TO THIS DAY, I DON'T THINK WE REALLY TRIED THAT HARD TO STOP THEM!"

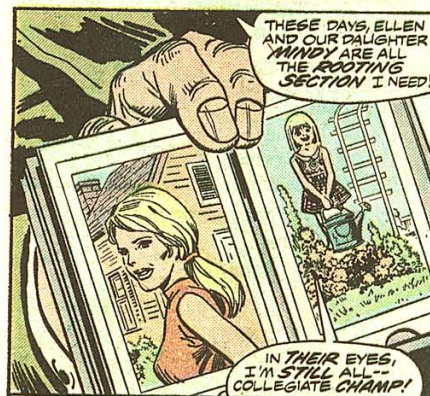
"WHEN I FAILED TO SCORE, I SHATTERED THE SPIRIT OF THE ENTIRE TEAM!"



"THAT'S WHEN I GAVE UP FOOTBALL, FELLAS."

"NOT THAT COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY DOESN'T HAVE ITS GOOD POINTS, OF COURSE."

"I MET MY WIFE WHILE WORKING FOR STARK INTERNATIONAL."



"THESE DAYS, ELLEN AND OUR DAUGHTER MINDY ARE ALL THE ROOTING SECTION I NEED!"

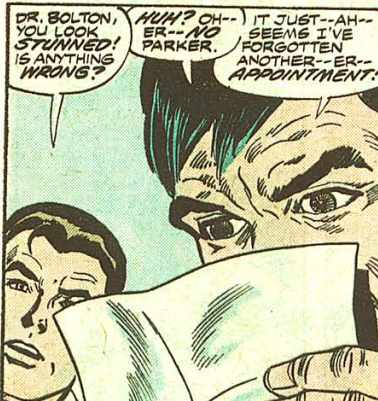
"IN THEIR EYES, I'M STILL ALL-- COLLEGIATE CHAMP!"



"THEY'RE BEAUTIFUL, SIR. YOU MUST BE VERY PROUD OF--"

"SCUSE ME, MISTER-- YOUR NAME BOLTON? FELLA OVER AT THE CLUBHOUSE ASKED ME TO GIVE YOU THIS MESSAGE."

"MESSAGE? FOR ME?"



"DR. BOLTON, YOU LOOK STUNNED! IS ANYTHING WRONG?"

"HUN? OH-- ER-- NO PARKER."

"IT JUST--AH-- SEEMS I'VE FORGOTTEN ANOTHER--ER-- APPOINTMENT!"



"LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE TO FINISH THIS INTERVIEW SOME OTHER TIME, LEEDS."

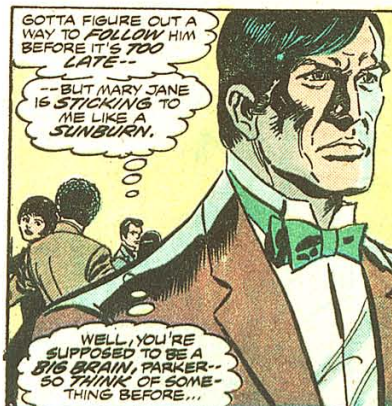
"SURE, DOC. SEE YOU THERE."

"PERHAPS AT THE HOME-COMING DANCE THIS EVENING?"

"YEAH... SEE YOU."

"FUNNY-- HE SEEMS LIKE A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT MAN SINCE READING THAT NOTE. WONDER WHAT IT SAID?"





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THE SPIDERS' WEB

As is to be expected, SPIDER-MAN #149—containing the riotous wrap-up of our multi-part Jackal saga—garnered an unusually large amount of fan mail. However, little did we realize that amongst the raves and the cheers, the criticisms and the jeers, there would also be an almost unprecedented multitude of missives pleading for our Nefarious No-Prizes, an unstemmed flood of letters requesting recognition for spotting flaws...or, at the very least, minor discrepancies in Merry Gerry's stupendous storyline. So many, in fact, that the armadillo that usually answers these letters has passed to me, Roguish Roger Slifer, boy assistant editor and mighty Marvel masochist, the "pleasure" of explaining away the alleged flaws in the Jackal series. As a result I hereby present the following...

OF JACKALS AND JUXTAPOSITION

Probably the best way to go about explaining the discrepancies and filling in the gaps left at the end of issue #149 is to present an orderly chain of events—from the Jackal's inception leading up to his eventual demise, starting with the death of Gwen Stacy.

SPIDER-MAN #121: This is the now-classic issue in which Gwen Stacy met her death at the hands of the Green Goblin. It was this event which set Professor Warren on the path to madness. Struck with sorrow, the Professor remembered the cell samples that were the spawning ground from which the clones of Gwen Stacy and Peter Parker were made. We already know why he made the clone of Gwen Stacy, but why did Professor Warren choose, out of all the students from which he took cell samples, the student known as Peter Parker? Well, it was obvious from the Jackal's comments in SPIDER-MAN #140 he was aware of a link between Pete and Spider-Man, a link he deduced because of the sheer volume of photos taken by Peter Parker of Spider-Man for the Daily Bugle. Therefore, it seems likely that he would see the necessity for a clone of Peter Parker, a clone he could hypnotize to discover what that link was, even though in the beginning Professor Warren had no idea that Peter is Spider-Man.

However, growing a clone takes time, and the Jackal got impatient waiting and resolved to instigate a direct assault, using the Punisher (in ish #129) as his instrument for revenge. For a short time he thought he succeeded and, rather than admit to himself that he was Professor Warren, he decided to embark upon a life of crime and started establishing underworld contacts. When he learned of his error concerning Spider-Man's demise, he determined to use those contacts to learn the whereabouts of Hammerhead. Through his conniving, the Jackal succeeded in pitting Hammerhead against Doc Ock, cleverly manipulating Spider-Man into the midst of the two foes and reasoning that there was no way that Spider-Man could survive caught between two such formidable enemies. This plan, too, met with defeat.

SPIDER-MAN #136: The failures of the Jackal's first two schemes convinced him that he should once again try to track Spider-Man down through Peter Parker and, since the clone was not yet fully developed, he decided to keep surveillance on Pete's apartment with a tele-photo lens from a near-by apartment complex. Through some incredible stroke of luck, the Jackal never saw Spider-Man actually enter Pete's apartment.

What he *did* see, though, was Pete throwing a web-encased bundle onto the roof of a near-by apartment building. This was Pete's spare Spider-Man costume which he tossed away in order to prevent its discovery by the police after his apartment was bombed by Harry Osborn. It was *this* uniform, complete with web-shooters, with which the Professor later costumed his clone.

Finding the costume gave the Professor strong suspicions that Peter Parker and Spider-Man were one and the same. However, since he had no proof, the Professor utilized the Grizzly (issue #140) to lure Pete within his grasp. He attached the "vibro-harness" to Pete's arm (luckily Pete had apparently ditched his regular costume before entering the Grizzly's home, since our astute web-spinner knew full well that he might be walking into a trap, thus saving himself from exposure when the Jackal rolled up his sleeve to attach the device).

The Jackal had indeed planned well this time. As he told Peter, he was expecting the device to lead him to Spider-Man—but his methods were so subtle and devious that even Spidey didn't catch on! The Jackal knew that, in order to remove such a carefully constructed device (a device the Jackal originally told him would *explode* with tampering; ever wonder about that, pilgrims?), Pete would have to utilize the equipment in the bio-chemistry lab at college. The Jackal merely employed the key he possessed as Professor Warren for his own class—room, and waited patiently in the shadows for Pete to arrive. His diligence was rewarded when Pete removed the vibro-harness, switched to Spider-Man before his very eyes, and exited to throw the harness into the Hudson River.

At this point, after receiving his proof that Peter Parker and Spider-Man were one and the same person, the Jackal started his campaign to drive Spidey up the wall, using the Gwen clone (ish's 142-145), all of which led up to their final confrontation in issue #149.

But there are still a couple of questions left unanswered. Such as: How could the Jackal leave Ned Leeds in the basement with Spider-Man after he made his exit, when Ned is shown at Shea Stadium as still being the Jackal's prisoner, and why doesn't Ned know who Spider-Man is now, since he was present all the time the Jackal was raving and using the names Peter Parker and Spider-Man interchangeably?

The first part of this question is very easily answered by simply examining the Jackal's character. Does it seem unlikely to you that someone as devious and cunning as the Jackal, seeking to goad Spider-Man into following him to Shea Stadium, would leave a *dummy* of one of Peter Parker's best friends as an added inducement for him to follow? As for the second part of the question, take a close look at the panels that Ned Leeds appears in, and you will see that Ned could indeed hear the accusations as Professor Warren railed against Spider-Man—if his ears weren't covered by the same blindfold which blocked his vision.

As for the zillions of Marvelmaniacs that pointed out that if Spidey's spider-sense can only alert him to his enemies, then why did it react to Mary Jane on the last page of SPIDER-MAN #149—that's one even we can't figure out. So consider yourself No-Prized—each and everyone of you who noticed this grievous error.

And, as a parting shot, we just want to thank you for letting us take a page to explain away the few problems that, because of space limitations (We mean, after all, do you realize how long that blasted series ran as it was?), we were unable to cover previously.

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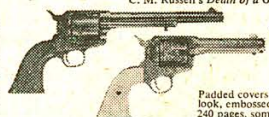
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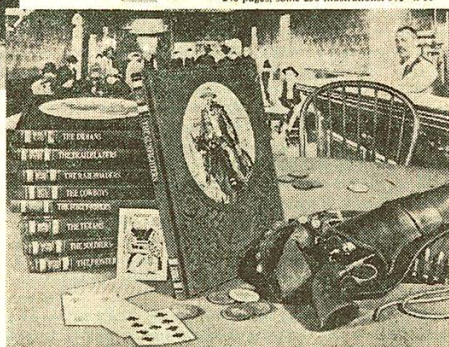


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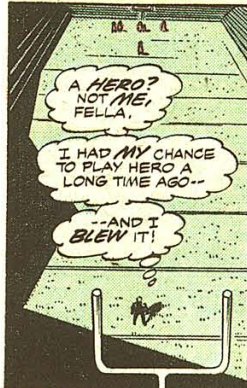
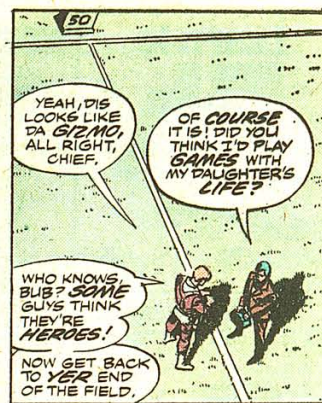
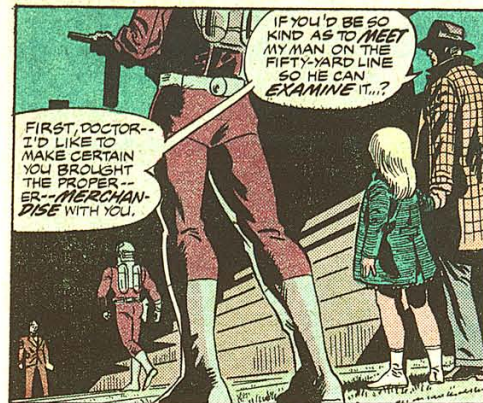
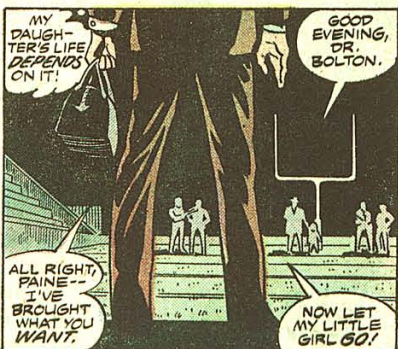
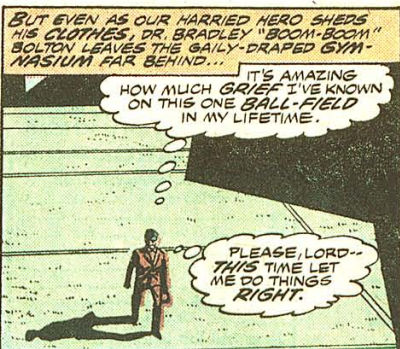
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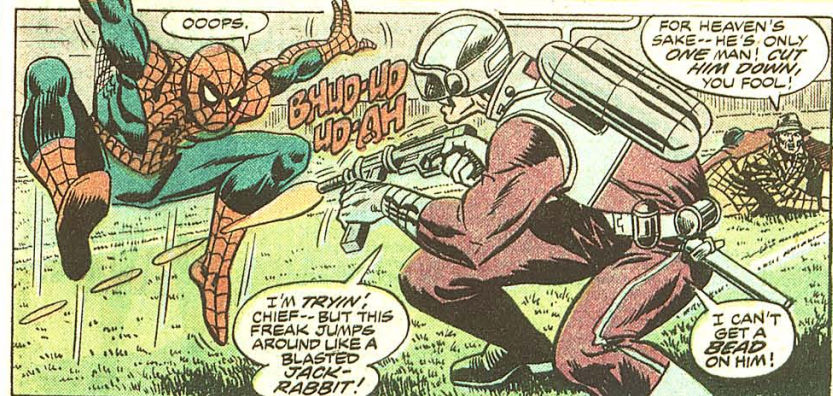
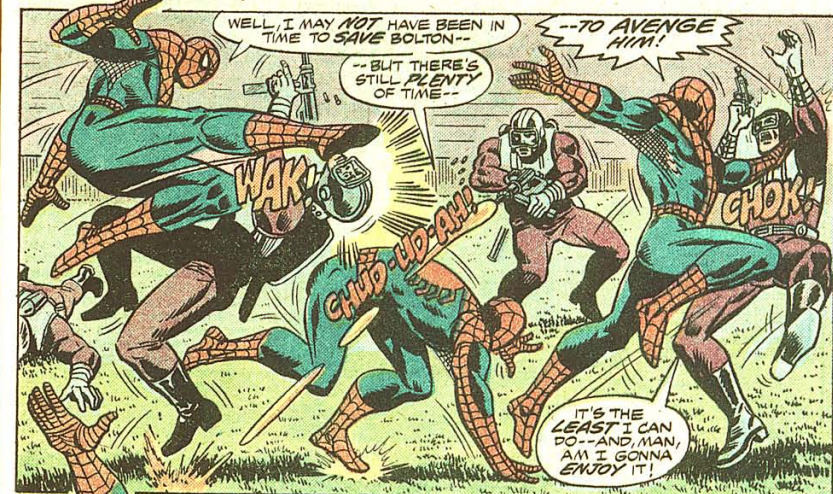
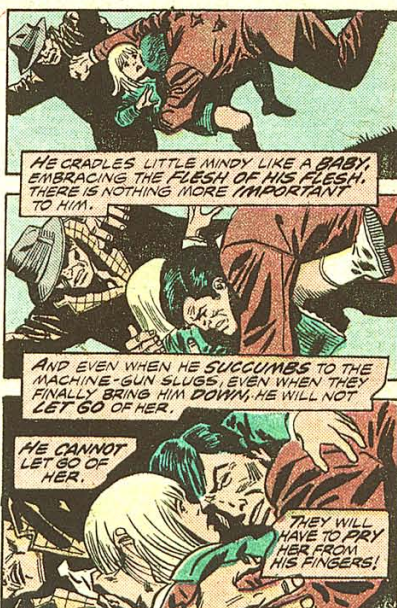
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"THANKS"

By Henry Wadsworth Lee

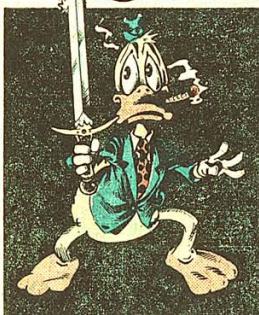
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Stan

same name, this fearsome feature is a special once-in-a-lifetime-team-up of Man-Thing, Ghost Rider, Werewolf (By Night) and Morbius, The Living Vampire! And if that isn't enough to conjure with, MARVEL SPOTLIGHT #26 will be presenting an astounding adventure of that Aquarian Defender—the stupendous, savage Sub-Mariner! What's coming up after these frantic features—? Well, that would be telling. So stay tuned, keep alert, and keep reading! We'll spill the information somewhere. You know how modest we are!

HOWARD THE DUCK



ITEM! And speaking of artistic triumphs, have you picked up the pulse-pounding premiere issue of HOWARD THE DUCK yet? If you've seen any of his solo sagas in the back of GIANT-SIZE MAN-THING, you won't want to miss it! Frank Brunner, Tom Palmer, and Steve Gerber have worked themselves to the proverbial bone to produce what must be the strangest team-up the Marvel Universe has ever seen. Don't miss the fabulous first encounter of Howard and... Spider-Man? And while we're on the topic of frantic firsts, don't miss the two more of our latest and greatest efforts—BLACK GOLIATH and OMEGA THE UNKNOWN! You've never met OMEGA before, but all POWER MAN fans must certainly remember our twenty-foot tall titan who appeared in issue #s 24 and 25 of Luke Cage's mag! After all, it was you who demanded that we give him his own title, True Believer. Your wish is our command! And don't forget—even though STRANGE TALES is now devoted to representing the best of the early Doctor Strange classics, WARLOCK's still soaring! In fact, he's moved into his own merely magnificent mag, while Jim Starlin, master of all trades, continues working on a top secret project which he

plans springing on the Bullpen towards the end of the year. We'll let you know the details as soon as we find out, but while you're waiting, be sure to pick up that titanic triumvirate premiere package—HOWARD THE DUCK, OMEGA THE UNKNOWN, and BLACK GOLIATH! They're sure to make comic book history!

ITEM! Who says comic book writers can only write comic books? Not ARCHIE GOODWIN nor STEVE ENGLEHART, whose novelette-length prose pieces will be appearing in Pyramid Books' two-volume paperback anthology, WEIRD HEROES!

ITEM! Have ya glommed the latest PAUL MCCARTNEY AND WINGS album, "Venus and Mars," yet? If not, there's a cut-ya just gotta hear! It's called "Mageto and the Titanium Man," and if that's not enough to start the Bullpen blushing bright red, we don't know what is!

ITEM! Seems that everyone agrees that Marvel's still the greatest, 'cause the winners have just been announced in the annual SHAZAM awards, and the blushing Bullpen walked away with so many of 'em that we needed a truck to get back to the office. The winners in all categories are: **DRAMATIC DIVISION**, Best Writer: ARCHIE GOODWIN; Best Penciller: JOHN BUSCEMA; Best Inker: DICK GIORDANO; Best Letterer: JOHN COSTANZA; Best Colorist: TATJANA WOOD; Superior Achievement by an Individual: ROY THOMAS; Best Continuing Feature: CONAN; Best Individual Story: "Gottterdammerung"; Best Individual Short Story: "Cathedral Perilous"; Outstanding New Talent: CRAIG RUSSELL; **HUMOR DIVISION**, Best Writer: STEVE SKEATES; Best Penciller: MARIE SEVERIN; Best Inker: RALPH REESE; Best Story: "Kasper the Dead Baby"; and, the Hall of Fame Award: JACK KIRBY. Congrats to all the winners.

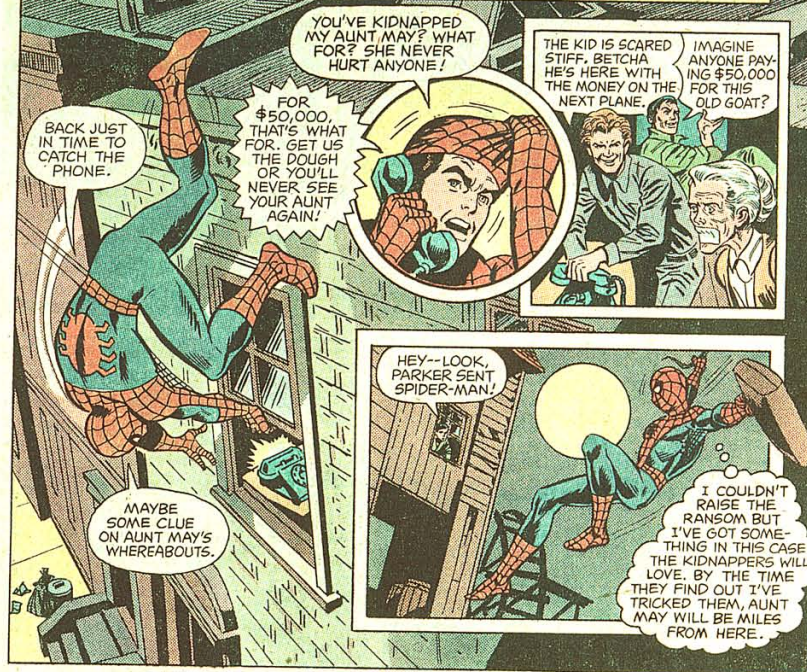
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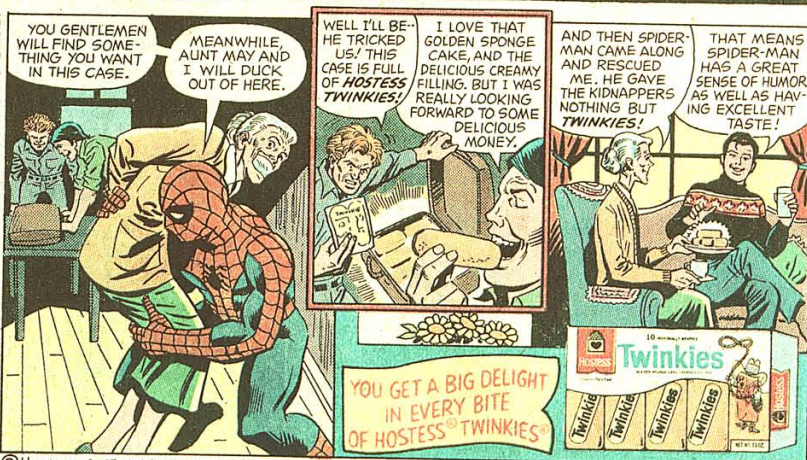
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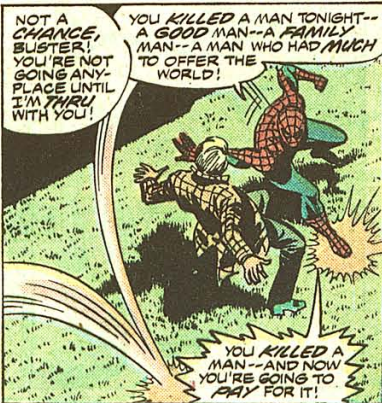
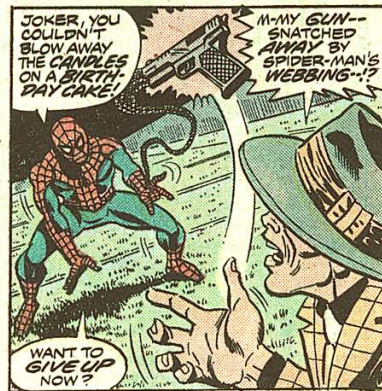
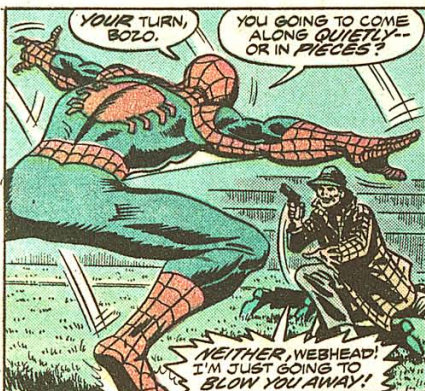
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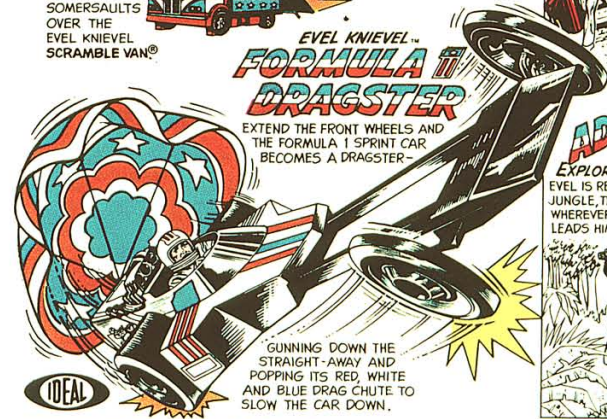
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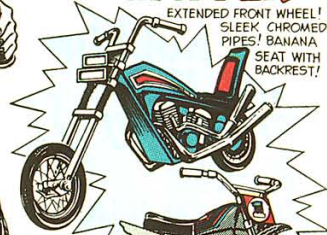


“GUNNING DOWN THE
STRAIGHT-AWAY AND
POPPING ITS RED, WHITE
AND BLUE DRAG CHUTE TO
SLOW THE CAR DOWN.”



**EVEL KNieVEL™
CHOPPER**

EXTENDED FRONT WHEEL!
SLEEK CHROMED
PIPES! BANANA
SEAT WITH
BACKREST!



RUGGED-AND-
READY TO TAKE-
ON THE MOST
CHALLENGING
BACK TRAILS!

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TRAIL BIKE**



Rescue Set
EVEL IS PREPARING TO
SAVE LOST MINERS
FROM A DARK
MYSTERIOUS CAVE.



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EVEL IS CROSSING THE
ARCTIC WILDERNESS—
A WALKIE TALKIE HIS
ONLY LINK TO THE
CIVILIZED WORLD.



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ADVENTURE
SETS**

EXPLORER Set
EVEL IS READY FOR THE
JUNGLE, THE DESERT OR
WHEREVER ADVENTURE
LEADS HIM.



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EVEL IS PREPARING
HIS CYCLE FOR A
RECORD BREAKING
JUMP.



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